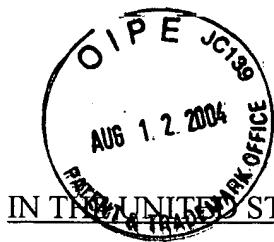


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Navy Case No. 96,596  
Application No. 09/788,475



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Mohler, Jerre Wayne

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For: DETECTING DEVICE FOR  
FLUORESCENT-LABELED MATERIAL

Group Art Unit: 2878

Examiner: Timothy J. Moran

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Official Action dated November 3, 2003, the applicant hereby requests reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the following.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claims 1-2 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Coates (U.S. 4,884,890). Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Metz (U.S. 5,166,813). Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Coates or Metz in further view of Chu (U.S. 5,440,927).

Claims 8-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Coates or Metz in further view of Eckstrom (U.S. 5,324,940). Finally, claims 3-5 are allowable and claim 10 stands objected to as dependent upon a rejected claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent format.